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DURING HIS VESTING DAY SPEECH TO CELEBRATE THE NATIONALIZATION OF REYNOLDS MINES, PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM INTRODUCED THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MPLA CURRENTLY VISITING GUYANA TO ASSEMBLED PNC OFFICIALS AND BERMINE WORKERS. HE THEN STATED THAT THE QUOTE MPLA HAS OUR FULL SUPPORT AND BACKING AS GREAT AS ANY WE HAVE GIVEN IN THE PAST AND EVEN GREATER UNQUOTE. SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA STEMS FROM SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION ON THE SIDE OF THE FNLA/UNITA FORCES. HE FURTHER STATED QUOTE THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE IMPERIALISTS AND THE MINORITY RACIST REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE WOULD HAVE US BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN ANGOLA IS A CIVIL WAR BETWEEN VARIOUS FACTIONS OF ANGOLANS. THE PNC DOES NOT SEE IT

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IN THAT LIGHT. WE SEE THE FIGHTING GOING ON IN ANGOLA NOT

AS A CIVIL WAR, BUT AS A FULL FLEDGED WAR BY BLACK PEOPLE
TO THROW OUT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WHO ARE STTEMPTING TO
EXTEND THEIR TERRITORIES AND INFLUENCE UNQUOTE.

2. AFTER ACCUSING SOUTH AFRICA OF ATTEMPTING TO ANNEX ANGOLA AND
TO HAVE IT AS A CLIENT STATE IN ORDER TO CONTINUE OPPRESSING
BLACK PEOPLE, BURNHAM SAID QUOTE LET ME AS LEADER OF THE PEOPLES
NATIONAL CONGRESS AND AS PRIME MINISTER OF THE COOPERATIVE
REPUBLIC OF GUYANA PLEDGE (THAT) GUYANA WILL GIVE HER UNBIASED
AND FULL SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF THE MPLA, WHO ARE
WAGING A WAR THAT IS OURS UNQUOTE.
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